

January 25, 2006

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation***
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, January 25, 2006, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, and Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association® met with Tom Navin, Dana Shaffer, Marcus Maher, Jeremy Marcus, Narda Jones, Cathy Carpino, Greg Guice, Carol Pomponio, and Amy Bender, all of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to urge adoption of a numbers- and capacity-based universal service contribution methodology. CTIA's numbers- and capacity-based proposal, which is detailed in the attached presentation, would: (1) Address the need for a sustainable and predictable universal service contribution base; (2) Ensure that all providers of interstate telecommunications contribute on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis; (3) Ensure that no consumer group is unfairly advantaged or disadvantaged as a result of CTIA's proposal; and (4) Minimize administrative burdens and/or costs for contributors.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter, along with all of the materials distributed at the meeting, is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Garnett

Paul Garnett

Attachment

cc: Tom Navin
Dana Shaffer
Marcus Maher
Jeremy Marcus
Narda Jones
Cathy Carpino
Greg Guice
Carol Pomponio
Amy Bender